OREGON AND WASHINGTON DEPARTMENTS OF FISH AND WILDLIFE

JOINT STAFF REPORT WINTER FACT SHEET NO. 6 Columbia River Compact March 2, 2005

Fisheries under Consideration: Non-Indian Winter Commercial Salmon

- A 12-hour fishery occurred 5:00 PM March 1 through 5:00 AM March 2 in Zones 1-4.
- Preliminary landings for this fishing period are 95 chinook and 2 white sturgeon for combined winter season total landings of 178 chinook and 475 white sturgeon.
- Upriver spring chinook impacts to date are estimated to be 2.0% of the 0.6% commercial impact guideline.
- Approximately 34.8% of the landed catch during this fishing period were of upriver origin based on visual stock identification.
- Test fishing is expected to occur on Sunday March 6, 2005.

Spring Chinook Fishery 2005																					
Test / Observation Data											(ALL DATA PRELIMINARY)										
Date	Lower R.			UpRiver			Chinook no VSI		ook	Ratio		Steelhead			%	%	%	#			
	Clipped	No Mark	Undetermined	Clipped	No Mark	Undetermined	Clipped	No Mark	Undetermined	Total Chin	Chinook / Steelhead	Total Steelh	Hatchery	Wild	DNA count	Undetermined	Steelhead	U pRiver Chinook	Chinook Marked	Drifts	
Feb 27 Test	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.00	3	2	1	0	0	100%	0%	0%	15	
Mar 1 Observation	7	3	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	12	6.00	2	1	1	0	0	14%	17%	75%	61	
Totals	7	3		2	0	0	0	0	0	12	2.40	5	3	2	0	0	29%	17%	75%	76	

Recommendation					
Season:	5 PM Thursday March 3 through 5 AM Friday March 4, 2005 (12 hours)				
Area:	Mouth to Kelley Point (Zones 1 - 4)				
Sanctuaries:	Grays River, Elokomin-B, Abernathy Creek, Cowlitz River, Kalama-B, and Lewis-B sanctuaries				
Gear:	9" minimum and 9¾" maximum mesh sizes during large mesh fishery Net length not to exceed 150 fathoms				
Allowable Sales:	Adipose fin-clipped Chinook salmon and sturgeon				
Participants:	Columbia River commercial fishers with appropriate licenses and legal gear that attended a state- sponsored workshop concerning live capture commercial fishing techniques and possess a certificate that allows participation in this fishery.				
New	As a condition of fishing, owners or operators of commercial fishing vessels must cooperate				
Regulations	with Department observers or observers collecting data for the Department, when notified				

by the observer of their intent to board the commercial vessel for observation and sampling during an open fishery. Miscellaneous Soak times, defined as time elapsed from when first mesh enters the water to when last mesh leaves **Regulations:**

the water, must not exceed 45 minutes.

Red corks are required at 25-fathom intervals and red corks must be in contrast to the corks used in the remainder of the net.

Use of recovery boxes is required on all lethargic or bleeding salmon or steelhead.

Each vessel participating in this fishery is required to have 2 operable recovery boxes or one box with two chambers. Operable recovery boxes require a flow of 16-20 gallons per minute to each chamber of the box(es). Each box must be operating during any time that the net is being retrieved or picked.

Lighted buoys are required on each end of nets being fished between sunset and sunrise.

Quick Reporting Rule for Washington buyers.

Next Compact hearing will occur at 2 PM Monday March 7th via telephone.